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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/55/106 of 28 June 2000, the General Assembly will be required, during its current session, to appoint four members and four alternate members to fill vacancies in the membership of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Committee for a term of office of three years, beginning on 1 January 2001.

2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:

Mr. Kenshiro **Akimoto** (Japan);

Ms. Valeria Maria **Gonzalez Posse** (Argentina);

Mr. Gerhard **Küntzle** (Germany);

Mr. Lovemore **Mazemo** (Zimbabwe);

Ms. Susan M. **McLurg** (United States of America);

Mr. Philip Richard Okanda **Owade** (Kenya);

Mr. Victor V. **Vislykh** (Russian Federation).

3. The candidates' curricula vitae follow.

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Kenshiro Akimoto (Japan)

Date of birth

26 June 1935.

Academic history

1964	University of Strasbourg, international law, international relations.
1963	University of Bordeaux, international law, international relations.
1959	Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Spanish and Ibero-American studies, international law, international relations.

Diplomatic career

1993-1997	Ambassador of Japan to Costa Rica.
1989-1993	Permanent delegate of Japan to UNESCO, Ambassador.
1989	Minister, Embassy of Japan in France.
1987	Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations.
1986	Minister, Embassy of Japan in Uruguay.
1981	Director, Office of International Organization, Economic Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
1978	Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in Italy.
1978	Office of the Law of the Sea, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
1969	Office of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
1967	United Nations Bureau, administrative and budgetary matters of the United Nations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
1965	Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva (budgets of the United Nations and specialized agencies).

Other professional experience

1959	The Bank of Tokyo, Head Office (foreign exchange officer).

Relations with the United Nations system

1999-	Member, United Nations Joint Staff Pension Committee.
1988-1994	Member, Committee on Contributions.
1987-1994	Fifth Committee of the General Assembly (alternate representative).

1969-1971	Sixth Committee of the General Assembly (Conventions on the privileges and immunities of special missions and representatives to international organizations, etc.).
1968	Fifth Committee.
1966	Third Committee (International Covenants on human rights).
1967-1968	Meetings of the Economic and Social Council.
1987-1993	UNESCO general conferences and other meetings.
1966-1968, 1993	General conferences of WHO, WMO, ILO and other specialized agencies.

Activities at other international conferences and meetings

1965	Asia-African Conference, Algiers.
1974	Asia-African Legal Consultative Committee, Tokyo.
1973	ICAT meeting, Madrid.
1980-1981	Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of OECD.
1980 and 1981	Joint meetings of IMF/World Bank.

Languages

Working languages: English, French and Spanish.

Adequate knowledge in Italian and Portuguese.

Valeria María González Posse (Argentina)

Date of birth: 5 October 1966, in Córdoba, Argentina.

Profession: Career diplomat (lawyer).

Languages: Spanish, English (spoken and written), some knowledge of Italian and Portuguese.

Education and promotions

2000 Promoted to First Secretary.

1997 Promoted to Second Secretary.

1994 Appointed Third Secretary.

1993 Graduated from the National Foreign Service Institute (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship).

1991 Admitted to the National Foreign Service Institute, through a public competition.

1989 Lawyer. Graduated from the Catholic University of Córdoba, Argentina.

Posts and positions

Delegate to the United Nations General Assembly (forty-ninth to fifty-fifth sessions).

1996 to date	Member of the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations. Member of the Argentine delegation to the Fifth Committee. Within the Mission, responsible for matters concerning the remuneration of diplomatic personnel abroad.
1999-2000	Delegate to the Security Council. Responsible for matters relating to sanctions and the Council's sanctions Committees.
2000	Member of the Security Council Working Group on general matters relating to sanctions.
2000	Chairman of the Committee on Conferences.
1999	Vice-Chairman, Committee for Programme and Coordination.
1998	Vice-Chairman, Committee on Conferences.
1998-2000	Delegate to the Committee for Programme and Coordination.
1993-1996	Responsible for matters relating to peacekeeping operations. International Organizations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
1994-1996	Official visits to the following peacekeeping operations: ONUMOZ (Mozambique), UNPROFOR (former Yugoslavia), UNFICYP (Cyprus), UNIKOM (Iraq-Kuwait) and UNTSO (Golan Heights).

Courses

1997-2000	Took part in numerous seminars on the topic of sanctions.
1993-1996	Took part in numerous seminars on peacekeeping operations, as both participant and speaker.

Publications

"Post-conflict peace-building, making efforts count: reconstruction, elections and beyond", in *The Psychology of Peacekeeping*, (1998, Praeger Publishers), Harvey J. Langholtz, editor.

Gerhard Küntzle (Germany)

Date of birth: 6 May 1955

Place of birth: Bietigheim, Germany

Career

1999–present	Deputy Budget Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Berlin
1997–1999	Representative of Germany on the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly, Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations, New York
1995–1997	Planning and Compliance Officer, Office of the Under-Secretary-General, Office of Internal Oversight Services, United Nations Secretariat, New York
1991–1995	Desk Officer for UNICEF, UNHCR and UNRWA, United Nations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bonn
1989–1991	Consul, German Embassy, Beijing
1988–1989	Protocol Officer, Protocol Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bonn
1986–1988	Professional Training, Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bonn
Since 1998	Representative of the General Assembly on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

Education

1985/86	University of Stuttgart, Germany Graduation in Political Science, English Language and Literature
Studies in Paris:	
1981/82	Institut d'Etudes politiques; Université de Paris I – Sorbonne
1979/80	Assistant teacher, Bournemouth, United Kingdom

Associations Member of the German Society on Foreign Policy

Lovemore Mazemo (Zimbabwe)

Date of birth:	11 April 1957
Marital status:	Single
Languages:	English, Portuguese

Professional experience

1993 to date	Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations, Delegate of Zimbabwe on the Fifth Committee
August 1992 – January 1993	Acting Head of Western Europe and the Americas Desk, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1992–1993	Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
June 1988 – September 1989	Chargé d'affaires a.i., Maputo
1988–1991	Counsellor, Zimbabwe Embassy, Maputo
1985–1988	First Secretary, Zimbabwe Embassy, Maputo
1983–1985	Political Desk Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
February 1983	Customs Officer, Harare

Educational qualifications

1980–1982	Bachelor of Administration, University of Zimbabwe
1996–1999	MBA, St. John's University, New York

Professional training and seminars

1983	Diplomatic training, Harare
1985	Diplomatic training seminar, Cairo
September 1996 and September 1998	International Peace Academy, New York

Susan M. McLurg (United States of America)

Current professional experience

United States Department of State, United States Mission to the United Nations

Present	Minister Counsellor for budgetary, financial, administrative, personnel/common system and reform issues for the United Nations and New York-based United Nations programmes and funds
1983–1997	Deputy Counsellor/Adviser for budgetary, financial, administrative and personnel/common system issues for the United Nations and New York-based United Nations programmes and funds
2000–present	Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
1983–1999	Delegate to the Fifth Committee
1983–1990 and 1994–1999	Delegate to the Committee for Programme and Coordination
1992–present	Member of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Committee
2000	Vice-Chairman of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board
1996–present	Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board
1983–1989	Delegate to the Committee on Conferences
1986–1993	Delegate to the United Nations Children's Fund
1991–1992	Delegate to the United Nations Development Programme
1985–1986	Delegate to the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for South Africa

Previous professional experience

Sponsored by: The Sheet Metal Workers' Union	Project Director for employment and training programme in New York City
Funded by: The United States Department of Labor	Project Monitor for employment and training programmes

Education

1976	Bachelor of Arts Degree from Rutgers College, New Brunswick, New Jersey

Philip Richard Okanda Owade (Kenya)

Date of birth	30 June 1956 Married with two children

Education

1977-1980	University of Nairobi, Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), Upper Second Class Hons. (Best overall student award)
1980-1981	Kenya School of Law, Diploma in Law. Admitted as Advocate of High Court of Kenya.
	Pupillage with Waruhiu and Muite Advocates and legal practice with the firm.
	Sat for and passed the Administrative Officers Examinations, 1984.

Training courses

Attended many training programmes, including the following:

	IOMAC/IOI Training Programme in Marine Affairs/Law of the Sea, Kuala Lumpur, 1988.
	Refugee Law training seminars, Kenya, 1989.
	Internship programme at the IUCN Environmental Law Centre, Bonn, on legal protection of biological diversity, 1990.
	UNITAR training programme on peacemaking and preventive diplomacy, Burg Schleining, Austria, 1994.

Employment

1981-1983	Legal Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya.
1983-January 1988	Second Secretary, later, First Secretary, Kenya Embassy, Tokyo.
February 1988- December 1989	Senior Legal Officer/Deputy Head of Legal Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Nairobi.
January 1990- December 1990	Acting Head, Legal Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Nairobi.

January 1991- June 1992	Special Assignment as Legal Adviser to the Kenya Government on United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), responsible for negotiating several environmental treaties, including Biodiversity, Climate Change and post-UNCED institutional arrangements.
1992-1993	Head, Legal Division/Legal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Nairobi.
September 1993- November 1996	Counsellor/Head of Chancery and Deputy Head of Mission, Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations, New York.
	Delegate to the Fifth Committee (administrative and budgetary matters).
	Actively participated in the Working Groups on United Nations reform, Security Council reform, financial situation of the United Nations and Agenda for Peace.
March-September 1996	Charge d'Affaires a.i., Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations, New York.
November 1996- January 1999	Counsellor/Head of Chancery and Deputy Head of Mission, Kenya Embassy, Tokyo.
January 1999- May 2000	Head, Legal Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nairobi.
June 2000-Date	Director for Political Affairs.

International meetings and conferences

Attended several international conferences, including the following:

May 1982	Leader of the Kenya delegation to the Third Session of OAU Charter Review Committee, Addis Ababa.
August 1982	Member and Legal Adviser to the Kenya delegation to the thirty-ninth Ordinary Session of the OAU Council of Ministers in Tripoli.
1981-1983	Member of the Kenya Government Negotiating Committee on the Preferential Trade Area (PTA) Agreement.
	Member of the Kenya delegation to several Bilateral Air Services Agreement negotiations.
May 1983	Leader of the Kenya delegation to the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee annual meeting in Tokyo.

January 1989	Leader of the Kenya delegation to the fourth session of the OAU Charter Review Committee, Addis Ababa.
February 1989	Adviser to the Kenya delegation to the twenty-eighth Session of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (AALCC), Nairobi.
May/June 1989	Leader of the Kenya delegation to the fifth session of the OAU Charter Review Committee, Addis Ababa.
September 1989	Member of the Kenya delegation to Rome meeting on the San Marco Remote Sensing Project.
October 1989	Member of Kenya delegation to the fourth Annual Policy Organs meeting of the Northern Corridor Transit Transport Coordination Authority, Kinshasa.
November 1989	Member of the Kenya delegation to the PTA Committee of Experts, the PTA Council of Ministers and the PTA Authority, Nairobi.
February 1990	Leader of the Kenya delegation to the fourth Indian Ocean Marine Affairs Cooperation (IOMAC) Standing Committee meeting, Jakarta.
March 1990-August 1990	Leader of the Kenya delegation to the eighth session of the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Kingston.
May 1990	Leader of the Kenya delegation to the fifth IOMAC Standing Committee meeting, Colombo, and Chairman of the Legal Committee.
June 1990	Member of the Kenya delegation to Bilateral Air Service Negotiations, London.
September 1990	Adviser to the Kenya delegation to the IOMAC II Conference in Arusha and Chairman of the Legal Committee.
October 1990	Leader of the Kenya delegation to the third meeting of PTA Legal Experts, Lusaka, Zambia.
February 1990	Member of the Kenya delegation to the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Biological Diversity, Nairobi.
May 1991	Member and Legal Adviser to the Kenya delegation to Bilateral Air Services Renegotiations between Kenya and India, New Delhi.

September 1991	Member of the Kenya delegation to the third INC on Convention on Biological Diversity, Nairobi.
1989-1993	Member of the Kenya delegation to several UNEP Governing Council meetings, Nairobi.
July 1991	Adviser of the Kenya delegation to the African Ministerial Preparatory Meeting for UNCED, Cairo.
1990-1991	Member and Legal Adviser to Kenya delegation to the first, second, third and fourth sessions of the UNCED Preparatory Commission in Geneva, Nairobi and New York.
June 1992	Member of the Kenya delegation to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (the Earth Summit) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
September/October 1992	Member and Legal Adviser to the Kenya delegation to the twenty-ninth session of the ICAO General Assembly, Montreal, Canada.
June 1993	Member and Legal Adviser to the Kenya delegation to the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna.
October 1995	Delegate, Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.
May 1996	Delegate, Non-Aligned Ministerial Conference, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.
	Attended many seminars and conferences on development, human rights, preventive diplomacy and peacemaking, including the following: • Tokyo Conference on Development, August 1996; • Okinawa Conference on Development, July 1997.
April 1999	Leader of the Kenya delegation to the thirty-eighth session of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee, Accra.
June 1999	Leader of the Kenya delegation to the Centennial of the first International Peace Conference, The Hague.
July-August 1999	Member of the Kenya delegation to the negotiations for the establishment of the East African Community, Arusha.

September-December 1999	Member and Coordinator of the Kenya delegation to the fifty-fourth regular session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York.
February-March 2000	Shuttle diplomacy between Kigali, Bujumbura, Kampala and Kinshasa.
March 2000	Delegate to the Conference of the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa Region on the Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons.
March 2000	Leader of the Kenya delegation to the COMESA Workshop on Peace and Security, Lusaka; Chairman of the Drafting Committee.

Articles and publications

Has written several articles and publications, including the following:

The admissibility of illegally obtained evidence: a study in the theoretical foundations of criminal justice (to be published).

"The effectiveness of international environmental law in Africa", *African Environment Bulletin*.

The Evolution and Development of Diplomatic Immunity Law.

Human rights law: international concepts and their application in Kenya.

"The international legal regime of human rights", paper presented to a Workshop on Human Rights and the Public Service, KCCT, Mbagathi, March 1999.

"Diplomatic immunity with respect to international organizations; The case of the PTA Bank", *Legal opinion* (*Foreign Affairs Bulletin*), July, 1999.

"The doctrine of sovereignty in international relations", *Foreign Affairs Bulletin*, January 2000.

Professional memberships

Member of the Law Society of Kenya since 1992.

Member of the Board and Legal Adviser of Waste Management Centre, a Kenyan-registered NGO active in environmental management.

Member, United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, since January 1995. Responsible for the pension funds for the entire United Nations system, of a value of more than US$ 2 billion.

Vice-Chairman of the *Foreign Affairs Bulletin* Editorial Board, March 1999-present.

Hobbies

Reading, writing, travelling and using computers.

Victor A. Vislykh (Russian Federation)

Date of birth: 20 October 1945.

Education

Moscow State Institute of International Relations, USSR Diplomatic Academy.

Various UN training courses for senior managers.

Has degrees and diplomas, inter alia, in international law, business administration, institutional management, linguistics, Oriental studies.

Languages

English, French, German, Burmese.

Place of employment

1969-1974	United Nations Secretariat (P-4).
1974-1976	Third Secretary, USSR Foreign Ministry.
1976-1982	Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the USSR to the United Nations.
1982-1986	Head of Division, USSR Foreign Ministry.
1986-1991	Senior Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the USSR to the United Nations.
1991-1994	Director of Administration (D-2), United Nations Secretariat.
Since 1995	Deputy Director-General, Department of International Organizations, Foreign Ministry of the Russian Federation.

During his career, Mr. Victor A. Vislykh represented Russia or served in his personal capacity in the following United Nations bodies: Fifth Committee of the General Assembly (on administrative and budgetary questions), Committee on Conferences, Committee for Programme and Coordination, Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, Ad hoc Committee on financial emergency.

He also has vast experience in administrative and budgetary matters of other international organizations. As an expert of recognized standing, he is currently serving in various financial bodies of OSCE, CTBTO, OPCW and the Council of Europe. He is a member of the governing boards of a number of international provident funds. He represents Russia on the Coordinating Committee on Remuneration which has a mandate, inter alia, to overhaul the pension system of such international organizations as OECD, NATO, WEU, the Council of Europe, etc.

His current functions, inter alia, include:

- Chairman of the Audit Committee of the World Health Organization;
- Representative of the General Assembly on United Nations Pension Committee, United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and Standing Pension Committee;
- Head of the Russian delegation in the Committee for Programme and Coordination.